

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF ESIC
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a committee has been set up to review the Employees States Insurance Corporation;
- (b) if so, the recommendations given by the committee so far; and
- (c) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): Recently Government had set up a Committee under Chairmanship of Sh. S.R. Satyam to study the working of E.S.I. hospitals. The Committee submitted its report to the Government on 14/1/1999. The report of the Committee has been referred to the ESIC for taking necessary action. The recommendations of the Committee regarding enhancement of the ceiling on expenditure on medical care from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 600/- per insured person per annum, issue of photo-identity cards to IPs and family members, creation of medical posts as per the prescribed norms, enhancement of in-house capabilities of ES hospitals, introduction of Health Record Booklet for each beneficiary, non-reservation in favour of small scale industries for supply of medicines, multi-level quality control checks, deterrent penal action for supply of sub-standard drugs, purchase of medicines in strip packs, adequate delegation of powers to facilitate local purchase of medicines, uniformity in OPD timings etc. have been accepted for implementation.